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LEE, JOHN H. et al.

Serial No.: 09/392,243

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PROCESSES FOR MAKING PROTEIN
HYDROLYSATES FROM ANIMAL
PEPTONE AND FOR PRESERVING
MUCOSA



Docket No.: 27338

Group Art Unit No.: 1643

Examiner: F. Prats

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.103

Applicants, through their attorneys, hereby petition for suspension of action in the application for a period of six months, pursuant to Rule 1.103(a). There is no response due to any office action in this application as a continued prosecution application (CPA) was filed on June 13, 2001.

This suspension of action is sought in order to allow more time to prepare a response to the last action. Additional time is needed due to the departure of the inventors from the employment of the patent assignee's employment as well as corporate restructuring which may require the patent to be assigned to another party. Due to the uncertainty these events have created, applicants respectfully request this additional time to allow these issues to be resolved.

In the alternative, applicants request a three-month suspension of prosecution under Rule 1.103(b).

Also submitted herewith is the requisite fee under §1.17(i).

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Petition should be applied against
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Respectfully submitted,

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